

Eleanor Roosevelt on Right to Work Legislation

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Right to work laws depress the economy. Virtually all states with such laws are far below the national average in weekly wages and per capita income. The right to work law actually helps undesirable fringe industries perpetuate a low wage economy. At the same time, it holds back a state's economic expansion by destroying the collective bargaining process. To the worried Oklahoma housewife and others who have written me, I say this proposal is a backward step that should be rejected. If Oklahoma is to continue its healthy economic growth, we should continue giving labor management freedom to meet together in collective bargaining with equal rights to solve their common problem.